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RUSSIAN ADMIRAL BECOMES POLISH FLEET COMMANDER

London, 3 November -- According to reports in London, the Polish fleet has now been placed under the direct command of a Russian naval officer.

Marshal Rokossovskiy, the commander in chief of the Polish armed forces, according to this information, has recently removed the commander of the Polish fleet, Vice-Admiral Wlodzimierz Steyr, and in his place appointed a Vice-Admiral Szelagowsky, who was provided with a Polish name to hide his Russian nationality.

Steyr belonged to the Polish fleet before World War II. Although his ouster took place formally only a few days ago, it is said that he was stripped of all authority some time ago. Actually, the fleet was run by his political adviser, Captain Urbanowicz, the Russian naval officer.

Urbanowicz visited Stockholm in 1945 as a member of the Polish delegation which arranged the return of the submarines and the Polish school ship, Dar Pomorza, which had been interned in Sweden. -- Daniel Viklund, Dagens Nyheter's London correspondent

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